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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 for the Craig County Emergency Communications project in fiscal year 2024. The funding would be used to replace the aging and less efficient emergency communications equipment and enable the transition to a P25 UHF digital system.

The entity to receive this funding is Craig County Sheriff's Office, with offices located at 181 Main Street, Suite 1, New Castle, Virginia 24127.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because upgrading an aging emergency communications system to the P25 digital system will make it possible for all emergency response agencies in Craig County to have coverage, capacity, and interoperability to coordinate a response in the case of natural disaster, larger-scale emergency, and basic day-to-day operations. This equipment upgrade is necessary, critical infrastructure for Craig County.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely yours.

H. MORGAN GRIFFITH Member of Congress